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## Six hundred students sign study loans to venture out to further studies



Last Monday evening about 600 students signed study loan contracts for further studies. The study loan contracts were for all types of study programs. Study programs include studying in Curacao, Holland, and the USA, and there are students who have chosen to remain here and further their education for example, at the University of Aruba or at EPI

Minister of Education, Arthur Dowers, who presided over the official signing of the study loan contracts, expressed great satisfaction for the sizeable increase in the amount of students choosing to go on to further studies and to study here in the region. This, he asserted is a very positive development.

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## Aruba Ports Authority signs LOI with Curoil

Aruba Ports Authority Director, Alfonso Boekhoudt and Curoil Director Yamil Lasten signed a letter of intent yesterday's morning which outlines their objective to work together. The companies agreed to conduct a feasibility study which will give them a clear view of the entailments of such a partnership.

Both gentlemen look forward to a fruitful outcome of this understanding, which could be highly beneficial for the economies of both islands.



## US: Putin agrees to work with Obama on Syria

WASHINGTON(AFP) - Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed yesterday in a phone call with President Barack Obama to work with the United States to find a solution to the crisis in Syria, the White House said.

But the Kremlin stressed that "differences" remain ahead of a UN Security Council vote in which Russia is expected to veto a Western-drafted resolution calling for sanctions against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

Putin and Obama spoke after a bomb attack yesterday killed at least three members of Assad's inner circle, upping the stakes of today's vote as predictions rained in that Syria was spinning out of control into chaos.

"The two presidents noted the growing violence in Syria and agreed on the need to support a political transition as soon as possible that achieves

our shared goal of ending the violence and avoiding a further deterioration of the situation," the White House said.

"They noted the differences our governments have had on Syria, but agreed to have their teams continue to work toward a solution."

Russia has proposed its own draft UN resolution that

does not provide for punitive measures against its Soviet-era ally Damascus while extending a current UN monitoring mission there by another three months.

Western powers have refused to back Russia's initial proposal or an amended version submitted by Moscow at the United Nations on Tuesday.

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## RCN Colombian TV Channel films 3 editions on Aruba



Just recently a complete film crew of the "Nuestra Semana" television program seen weekly on RCN Colombian television right after their mid-day news was on Aruba.

RCN is the second largest television channel in Colombia with an approximate 150.000 national viewers and with viewers from 22 other countries via TV Colombia.

The program is geared to families and entertains the entire family. Those on Aruba who have the Direct TV facility will be able to see the programs filmed here within about two weeks.

As part of the film crew, we spotted professional model and host, Jessica Cediell and wife

of singer Pipe Bueno who has more than 10.000 followers on Twitter. Also in their company was comedian and artist Alejandro Riaño, and cameraman Andres Felipe Rojas.

They were very popular here on Aruba everywhere they went. It was a delight for their countrymen who live here to see them and to take pictures with them wherever possible. Alejandro is a stand-up comedian who is recently in great demand in Colombia. He has been filling stadiums with his hilarious presentations.

The RCN group was guests of the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino and the Aruba Divi Village.

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## Paseo Herencia and Ministers hosts a hero's welcome for Aruba's Junior League Latin Champions



Aruba's young baseball players between the ages of 13 to 15 have again proven the island has a formidable team, which just took the champion title for the Latin Division on Sunday, June 15, during the play-offs in Costa Rica. The last time they won the regional championships was in 2009; that team went on to be the runners-up in the Junior League World Series conducted annually at Heritage Park in Taylor, Michigan.

Aruba's champion team, Oranjestad North, has done it again, defeating the top team from St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, 10-4. Starting Pitcher Gillian Wernet was named Most Valuable Player. They returned to Aruba on Tuesday afternoon to be met at the airport by family, friends and fans and a Hummer limousine in which they led their motorcade to

Paseo Herencia shopping center in Palm Beach. There, they were officially welcomed back by Minister of Public Health & Sport, Dr. Richard Visser and Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber along with the mall's GM, Valerie Pietersz-Camacho and Marketing Manager Candy Rasmijn.

An added treat was a hug and a flag from the newly elected Miss Teen and Miss Youth Aruba beauty queens. Their team trophy stood proud upon the roof of the limousine and players waved to islanders standing along Irawsquien Boulevard to applaud their achievement. The ministers proudly greeted players at the mall entrance and escorted them to Le Bistro Restaurant, where they were given the royal treatment



**Catcher Sharif Arends with the trophy**

during celebratory meal compliments of Paseo Herencia.

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One of the 80 projects being undertaken simultaneously was the reconstruction of the lengthy Franse Pas road. The renovation of this road had two purposes. One is for it to be used as an alternative to the crossroad in front of the airport when this is closed for the construction of a spiral rotunda. Secondly, to create a better flow of rain water out to the sea after a heavy rain fall, which would minimize the effect on traffic.

The renovation of the Franse Pas road entailed digging into the road to give it a new foundation and at the same time to create at both sides, a special area to insert wide tubes for the water coming from streams to be diverted to the sea after heavy rain falls.

The government has a major project in the works called the Green Corridor which is designed to improve all the connecting points between the different sections on the island, particularly between the eastern and western sections of the island. In



this context work is being done to construct a spiral rotunda where the traffic lights are in front of the airport. This rotunda will be connected to highway 3 which will connect traffic through to the hotels. The work on this rotunda is expected to be completed within more or less 6 months.

To afford motorists more options to get to their destinations, it was decided to repair the Franse Pas road, in addition to the sections opened in front of above the airport to

help motorists to get to town and to the hotels.

As of yesterday motorists traveling from San Nicolas and heading to San Nicolas, can use the Franse Pas road. And, with the changes planned for next week they can use the Barcadera road, pass in front the airport and Fire Station to reach Playa, or they can use the Sero Theisji highway down to the crossing of Wayaca then to Avenida Watty Vos to get to Playa.

## Six hundred students sign study loans . . .

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According to Dowers, the increase in the number of students choosing to study in the region is also a positive development, because studying in the region is less challenging compared to the adjustments required when studying further away from home. The challenges our students face when they go to Holland is not only the vast distance from home, but also the language becomes a problem and adjusting to the cold climate and the culture, play an important role in the student's success or failure.

The Minister is of the opinion that the introduction of the so-called "stimuleringsbeurs" (stimulus scholarship) of Afls.2500 for each student beginning studies in the region, has also played a role in the increase of students choosing to study in the region. The Afls.2500 is money that the student receives once and which he does not have to repay. This amount is received at the outset of the study and serves as a tremendous help in covering those initial costs of



the study program.

Dowers encouraged our students to use their study time as efficiently as possible since the monies spent on their education will have to be paid back at the end of the studies. The more efficient you are, is the more conscientious you will be about your studies...and your results will also be positive with less expense to pay back, according to Minister Dowers.

The Morning News joins with the Minister and the entire island, to wish all our students who have just embarked on further studies, the very best vacation and much success in their future studies and careers.



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## A hero's welcome for Aruba's Junior League Latin Champions

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Both Minister Dr. Visser and Oduber expressed their great pride in this young team, and

commended their spirit and the work of their coach Manuel Camera and Manager Lyrick Pourier, who expressed the gratitude of the entire team to sponsor's RBC Bank and support of the community for making the victory possible.

Valerie Pietersz-Camacho explained that Paseo Herencia is a staunch supporter of Aruba's athletes competing in the international arena, baseball players in particular, and the mall looks forward to placing a picture of the Oranjestad North's team on their "Wall of Fame" next to Aruba's other outstanding competitors.

Minister Dr. Visser mentioned they have

around three weeks before the team departs for Michigan to compete for the world title, and will be entirely focused on training. Assisting in this is former Aruban Major League player Eugene Kingsale, who played with the Baltimore Orioles, Seattle Mariners, San Diego Padres, and Detroit Tigers from 1996 until 2003. The Junior League World Series 2012 will take place from August 12 to 18 and will be broadcast live on ESPN 3.

by Rosalie Klein



Eugene Kingsale with team manager Lyrick Pourier,



Paseo Management with MVP Gillian Wernet

## Sexy and the City and Mr. Big are back at Stellaris Casino



Aruba's largest casino, the Stellaris Casino announces the arrival of the much-anticipated Sex and the City Big Diamonds slot machines. The combination of unique game play and interactive bonuses will certainly entertain players.

Clip art of cosmo, diamonds, high-heeled shoes, and limos whirls past. Hit the right combination and a short video plays, along with a bonus game. This new version of Sex and the City™ with a 1c denomination, features five progressive pick bonus levels; one for each character of the hit series, 15 to 10 lines and you can get up to 20 free spins.

Mr. Big is back and his winning charm is bigger than ever. He steals players' hearts with random wilds and a must-see 3-D diamond shower. Play more than one

game at once with four separately themed games unique to each of the main characters.

In addition the newest version of the popular Wheel of Fortune Slots arrived and are available to play.

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**SAN NICOLAS** -- Every Thursday evening, islanders flock to San Nicolas to enjoy the fabulous bargains and entertainment of the Caribbean Festival, a mix of Aruban and Caribbean traditions kept alive by the multi-cultural make up of Aruba's "Sunrise City."

Originally populated by the thousands that came from all over the Caribbean to work at the refinery, the town has savored and preserved the food, music and dance that many brought with them from their various regions. The festival, from 6:00 to 9:15 p.m., revels in the diverse background of San Nicolas, offering unique dishes and beverages, along with a full evening of island entertainment.

A full roster of some of Aruba's finest criollo entertainers follows including folkloric musical groups, dance groups solo singers, limbo dance by "Miguel Philips" and Carnival show by "Carna-Aruba," and this is only on the main stage!

Scattered throughout the main street of San Nicolas are performance areas surround by seating where you can settle in with an island snack or dinner, including music by steel pan and Brass band."

Island visitors can enjoy the Caribbean festival as part of a complete package available at all De Palm and concierge desks, which include transportation. You can customize your evening by purchasing with or without food and refreshments. A variety of local handicrafts are offered for sale and the event guarantees a good time for all, with an authentic introduction to the island experience.

## RCN Colombian TV Channel films 3 editions on Aruba

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For the three "Nuestra Semana" episodes filmed here, they captured Gastronomy, Activity and Relaxation as themes for the programs. For gastronomy they chose to cook with Chef Eduardo Zievinger of the Renaissance Resort Aruba and Chef Hector Ramirez of the Papiamanto Restaurant.

As an activity that the Colombian tourist can do here during their visit on Aruba they filmed various activities like Windsurfing, Kite Surfing, Jet

Ski, Parasailing, Seatrek with De Palm Tours, Jeep Safari and they played golf with Donald Ross, professional golf instructor at Divi Links.

To illustrate Aruba as a relaxed destination they filmed Shopping, Spa at Okeanos Spa and visited the lovely Renaissance Island where they relaxed among the flamingoes on the beach. They also visited the San Nicolas Caribbean Festival and tried many of the local foods and had a taste of

Aruba's carnival. They closed out the programs on the beach at Divi with a spectacular Aruban sunset scene.

Certainly, this kind of promotion of Aruba is simply priceless. ATA's efforts to promote Aruba to the Colombian market are paying off. This series of programs will show that Aruba is not only Sun, Sand and Sea, but that we have much more to offer.

Jessica, Alejandro y Andres had very tight schedules during

their short time on the island. The extensive program was prepared by the ATA by Amayra Boekhoudt who accompanied the group to all the sites and places on the island. ATA is grateful to all her partners for their cooperation and for their help in making the group's stay pleasant and successful.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# Deadly bomb strikes at core of Syria regime

DAMASCUS (AFP) - A bomb struck at the heart of Syria's senior command yesterday, killing at least three of President Bashar al-Assad's top brass in an attack claimed by rebels who warned of more carnage to come.

The attack, which an official blamed on a bodyguard attending a meeting of security chiefs at their Damascus headquarters, prompted the White House to say Assad was "losing control" of his country.

The explosion, which targeted Assad's inner core for the first time in a 16-month uprising, came ahead of a showdown between the West and Russia and China over a draft UN resolution calling for sanctions.

That vote appeared to have been delayed by a day until today.

The bombing killed Defence Minister General Daoud Rajha, Assad's brother-in-law Assef Shawkat and General Hassan Turkmani, head of the regime's crisis cell on the uprising, state media said.

Among those wounded were Interior Minister Mohammed al-Shaar and General Hisham Ikhtiyar, head of National Security, the television said.

Conflicting accounts have emerged of who carried out the attack and how.



Syrian Defence Minister General Daoud Rajha (left) and the brother-in-law of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, General Assef Shawkat (AFP PHOTO)

It was claimed by the rebel Free Syrian Army as its fighters battled Assad loyalists across Damascus for a fourth straight day, although another group, the Brigade of Islam, also said it was responsible.

The FSA command "announces the good news of the outstanding operation this morning that targeted the National Security headquarters and the killing" of the officials "responsible for barbaric massacres," it said.

The rebels said the attack, part of "Operation Damascus Volcano" launched on Monday, "is the first in a series... aimed at bringing down Assad and the pillars and symbols of the regime, whether civilian or military."

State media initially said it was a "suicide bombing" before apparently retracting and calling it a "terrorist attack."

A Syrian security official told AFP the bombing was carried out by a bodyguard of one of the ministers or security chiefs at the meeting. The attacker had been wearing an explosives belt.

Another official said the blast was caused by a brief case packed with explosives that a bodyguard left in the meeting room and detonated from afar via remote control.

## US deepens Assad woes with wave of sanctions

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States moved to freeze the assets of dozens of Syrian ministers yesterday, piling pressure on the regime as it reeled from a bomb attack that took out three core security officials.

The White House insisted President Bashar al-Assad was "losing control" of power, as Washington marshaled its diplomatic and economic forces to push the regime toward its tipping point.

The Treasury Department

move freezes any assets of 29 members of the regime's upper echelon -- including the ministers of finance, economy and justice, and the central bank governor -- and bans US business ties with them.

While the US had already introduced sanctions against around 100 people or entities linked to the regime, the move represented a significant stepping up of pressure on Assad's inner circle.

Among the other ministers included in yesterday's actions

were those responsible for agriculture, housing, health, education, environment, culture and oil.

Many were appointed less than a month ago when Assad announced a new cabinet in the wake of controversial parliamentary elections that were boycotted by the opposition.

According to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights 16 people were killed in violence in Damascus on Wednesday, bringing the nationwide total for the day to nearly 100.



Sidon : Supporters of Lebanese Sunni Muslim Salafist cleric Sheikh Ahmed al-Asir cheer as they celebrate in the southern city of Sidon the killing in the explosion of at least three of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's top brass in Damascus (AFP PHOTO)



An image grab taken from Syrian TV shows Syrian security forces taking position during armed clashes with gunmen who the TV called "terrorists" (unseen) in the Al-Midan district of Damascus yesterday. Rebel forces said the battle to "liberate" Damascus had begun, as heavy fighting raged with the regime using helicopter gunships in the capital for the first time. (AFP PHOTO)

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## World's most wanted Nazi arrested in Hungary

BUDAPEST (AFP) - Hungarian authorities yesterday detained, grilled and put under house arrest a 97-year-old who tops the Simon Wiesenthal Center's dwindling wanted-list of suspected Nazi war criminals.

Laszlo Csatory, accused by the Wiesenthal Center of organising the World War II deportation to their deaths of some 16,000 Jews from the ghetto of Kosice in present-day Slovakia, however protested his innocence.

Sprightly for his age the former senior police officer said nothing as he was whisked away in a car by two friends or relatives. This followed his early-morning arrest in the Hungarian capital Budapest and several hours of questioning by an investigating magistrate at a military prosecution office.

"The suspect is in good physical and mental health. He is being cooperative. He was surprised (about being ar-

rested) but he expected to be questioned," state prosecutor Tibor Ibolya said.

Csatory, full name Laszlo Csizsik-Csatory, helped run the Jewish ghetto in Kosice, a town now in Slovakia that was visited in April 1944 by Adolf Eichmann, a key figure in the Nazis' Final Solution, the Wiesenthal Center says.

While there between 1941 and 1944, Csatory beat and brutalized Jews and sent 16,000 to their deaths in the Ukraine and to the gas chambers at the Auschwitz extermination camp, it says.

In 1948, a Czechoslovakian court condemned Csatory to death in absentia but he made it to Canada where he lived and worked as an art dealer before being stripped of his citizenship there in the 1990s.

He ended up in Budapest where he has lived freely ever since, until the Wiesenthal Center alerted Hungarian authorities last year.

## US drought worst in 25 years, food prices to rise

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The drought scouring the farming heartlands of the United States is the worst for 25 years, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said yesterday, after briefing President Barack Obama.

The United States is the world's biggest producer of corn and soybeans, and the warning came as prices surged and some farmers warned they may be forced to harvest crops early to sell the stalks off cheaply as animal feed.

"I get on my knees every day and I'm saying an extra prayer now. If I had a rain prayer or a rain dance I could do, I would do it," Vilsack told reporters revealing that 78 percent of US corn and soybean crops had been hit.

"This will result in significant increases in prices for corn. We've seen a 38 percent increase since June 1 in the price of a bushel of corn -- it's now \$7.88. A bushel of beans has risen 24 percent," he said.

Vilsack said the intensity of the drought was not as great as that in 1988 -- which cost the US economy tens of billions of dollars -- but 61 percent of the country is affected, a much larger area than 25 years ago.

"Part of the problem we're facing is that weather conditions were so good at the beginning of the season that farmers got in the field early," he warned.

"As a result, this drought comes at a very difficult and painful time in terms of their ability to have their crops have good yields."

The secretary said the government had increased the number of territories designated as drought disaster zones, bringing the total to 1,297 counties in 29 states, where farmers will be eligible for assistance.

Vilsack said Obama had ordered that the interest rates on

emergency loans for farmers be reduced and that emergency areas be opened up for live-stock grazing and hay production as feed costs rise.

But he said consumer food prices should not rise immediately, since the costs from the farm door are a small proportion of a final supermarket bill, and in any case it will take a while for the crisis to reach store shelves. "There is some degree of uncertainty about all of this," he said.

"Technology has allowed us to have more drought-resistant crops. The spotty nature of drought, the spotty nature of rains can sometimes result in better yields than anticipated. We're just going to have to see."

The World Bank has said it is watching how the drought impacts global food supplies, after sharp surges in food prices in 2008 and 2010 dealt harsh blows to poor, food-importing nations.

"While it's too early to be overly concerned, the Bank is

monitoring the situation closely for potential impacts on our clients," said Marc Sadler, team leader for the World Bank's Agricultural Finance and Risk Management Unit. "Global stocks in most of the tradable grains are lower now than they have been historically... we don't have as much in the larder as we used to."

Since June, temperatures have topped 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 Celsius) for days in a row in many parts of the central United States, with the central plains running three to four degrees Fahrenheit above normal this month.

Mark Svoboda of the National Drought Mitigation Center in Lincoln, Nebraska said the drought was as tough as the worst in the 1930s and 1950s.

The timing has been particularly devastating, coming just at the peak of the growing season with the epicenter the central US farm belt east of the Rocky Mountains all the way to the Atlantic coast.



**MOGADISHU** : Internally displaced (IDP) Somali children sits at an IDP camp in Howl Wadag district of Mogadishu on July 18, 2012. Over 2.5 million people in war-torn Somalia remain in crisis despite huge global aid efforts and the situation may worsen, the UN warned Tuesday, one year after famine zones were declared there. (AFP PHOTO)

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## Health & Living

# Physical inactivity kills 5 million a year: report

(AFP) - A third of the world's adults are physically inactive, and the couch potato lifestyle kills about five million people every year, experts said in the medical journal The Lancet.

"Roughly three of every 10 individuals aged 15 years or older -- about 1.5 billion people -- do not reach present physical activity recommen-

dations," they said in a report that described the problem as a "pandemic."

The picture for adolescents is even more worrying, with four out of five 13- to 15-year-olds not moving enough, it said.

Physical inactivity was described for the study as failing to do 30 minutes of moderate physical activity five times a week, 20 minutes of vigorous activity three times a week, or a combination of the two.

Inactivity increases with age, is higher in women than in men, and more prevalent in high-income countries, the researchers found.

A second study, comparing physical activity levels with population statistics on diseases like diabetes, heart problems and cancer, said lack of exercise claimed more than 5.3 million of the 57 million deaths worldwide in 2008.

It said inactivity was a risk factor comparable to smoking or obesity.

Lack of exercise causes an estimated six percent of coronary heart disease cases, seven percent of type 2 diabetes (the most common form) and 10 percent of breast and colon cancers, it said.

Reducing inactivity by 10 percent could eliminate more than half a million deaths every year, the report said, adding that the estimates were conservative.

The human body needs exercise to help the bones, muscles, heart and other organs function optimally, but populations are walking, running and cycling less and less as they spend more time in cars and in front of computers, the investigators said.

The Lancet series called for global efforts to promote physical exercise by improving pedestrian and cyclist safety on city roads, for example, more physical education at school or promoting access to free public exercise spaces.



**SERBIA:** This picture shows a barber circumcising a Muslim young boy during a ritual of mass circumcision in the village of Gornje Lubinje. Israel's ambassador to Germany welcomed on July 18, 2012 plans by parliament to pass a cross-party resolution on protecting the right to religious circumcision, after a court ruled it a criminal act. Diplomats admit that the ruling has proved "disastrous" to Germany's international image, particularly in light of its Nazi past, following uproar from religious and political leaders in Israel as well as Muslim countries. AFP PHOTO

## Discrimination fuels rise of HIV in Philippines



MANILA (AFP) - Discrimination against homosexuals and people infected with HIV is contributing to the rapid rise of the incurable disease in the Philippines, officials and health activists.

Despite the country's tolerant image, people with HIV are being ostracised by their communities and even by doctors, the officials said at a forum on the rights of infected people.

Among the forms of discrimination are people being tested without their knowledge, test results being leaked and infected people being detained, quarantined and even forced to leave their homes.

"AIDS is the modern day

leprosy," said Edu Razon, head of Pinoy Plus, an association of people infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

As a result, many people hide the fact that they are infected or even avoid testing outright, making it harder to prevent the spread of the disease.

The number of HIV/AIDS cases detected in the Philippines, which has a population of 94 million people, is still relatively small with only 9,669 cases recorded since 1984, health department figures show.

But the Philippines is one of only seven countries listed by UNAIDS (the Joint

United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS) to have suffered rising infection rates in 2010.

Susan Gregorio, executive director of the government's AIDS council, said there were an estimated 27,840 cases of HIV/AIDS in the Philippines this year, with that figure expected to climb to 35,940 by 2015.

Infection rates are rising particularly among homosexual men and are spreading outside of the highly-urbanised areas where the virus used to be concentrated, she warned.

Discrimination against homosexuals and transsexuals is further deterring them from being tested, the health activists said.

"Society embraces homosexuals as long as we make you laugh (and) as long as we don't demand special rights," said Jonas Bagas, executive director of TLF-Share, a gay rights group.

He told the forum that police in Manila routinely raided establishments frequented by gay men so they could extort money from them.



(AFP) - US regulators approved the second new anti-obesity drug in 13 years, Qsymia, for use with exercise and a good diet in people who are obese or overweight with certain medical problems. Some analysts have touted Qsymia as the next "blockbuster", akin to the best-selling cholesterol drug Lipitor, with the US market desperate for new treatments for the two-thirds of the population that is overweight or obese. But critics fear it carries side effects that could be dangerous, like speeding up heart rates and causing birth defects. If the patient does not achieve a loss of five percent of body weight by week 12 on the higher dose, then treatment should be discontinued, the FDA said.



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## Sci-Tech

# WikiLeaks 'back open for donations' after banking blockade



(AFP) - Whistleblowing website WikiLeaks announced that it had found a way to get around the banking blockade that has dramatically cut its donations over the last 18 months.

It aims to use Carte Bleue, a French affiliate of Visa, to beat the blockade and raise a million euros (\$1.2 million), which it says it needs immediately if the website set up by Julian Assange is to continue operating.

"WikiLeaks advises all global supporters to make use of this avenue immediately before VISA/MasterCard attempts to shut it down."

Visa and MasterCard banned payments to WikiLeaks in December 2010 along with other money transfer companies including PayPal and Western Union,

forcing the website to drastically scale back its publication of secret documents.

The blockade was introduced when WikiLeaks began publishing 250,000 secret US diplomatic cables, embarrassing Washington and governments around the world. The website said it had cut off more than 95 percent of its donations.

WikiLeaks claims the blockade has cost it more than \$20 million (16 million euros) and left it covering just 21 percent of its operating costs for 2011.

The announcement comes after an Icelandic court ruled last week that Valitor, the company formerly known as Visa Iceland that handles Visa and MasterCard payments in the country, must allow payments to WikiLeaks.

The Australian ex-computer hacker said in a statement: "We beat them in Iceland and, by God, we'll beat them in France as well."

"Let them shut it down. Let them demonstrate to the world once again their corrupt pandering to Washington. We're waiting. Our lawyers are waiting."



Four rare Przewalski's wild horses were sent to the Mongolian steppe from Prague last week as part of a project to reintroduce the critically endangered species to its ancient homeland. Prague zoo runs a breeding programme and is charged with keeping the world genealogy book for the equines which have survived only in captivity since the last wild horse was seen in Mongolia in 1969. The four mares, aged three to five, have been flown 18 hours in wooden boxes to Bulgan, about 200 kilometres (125 miles) northwest of the Mongolian capital Ulan Bator. From Bulgan, the horses will be taken by road to the Gobi B national protected park, where the population of the horses shrank to 49 from 150 during the severe winter of 2009-2010. Characterised by thick necks, large heads and stocky girths, Przewalski's horses weigh between 250-350 kilograms (550-770 pounds) and stand about 1.2-1.3 metres (3.9-4.3 feet) tall at the withers. In the 20th century, hunting brought Przewalski's horses to the verge of extinction.

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## Tropical butterfly discovered in Quebec a sign of warming

(AFP) - Caterpillars belonging to a species of butterfly previously unknown as far north as Canada have been discovered in Montreal, in a sign that this country's cool climate is warming, researchers said.

The city's botanical garden and insectarium said the giant swallowtail butterflies (*Papilio cresphontes* Cramer) were recently found for the first time on a prickly ash plant there.

"The butterfly's arrival in Montreal is a very clear example of the impact of climate change," said a statement.

"In recent decades, milder temperatures in Nordic zones have enabled it to survive the winter and colonize new habitats. Giant swallowtails have gradually moved into Quebec, and the first native chrysalises are about to undergo metamorphosis at the botanical garden any day now!"



Giant swallowtails normally live in Central and South America. Starting in the late 1990s, they began showing up in North America as far north as the southern tip of Canada.

While other butterfly species are also edging northward at a rate of 16 kilometers (10 miles) per decade, the giant swallowtail is moving

into new habitats at a rate 15 times faster than average.

Its range now extends a full 400 kilometers (248.5 miles) into areas previously too inhospitable to support a viable population.

With a wingspan of up to 15 cm, or the size of a dinner plate, it is the largest butterfly in North America.



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## ACROSS

1. Tide competitor
4. Swedish pop group
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11. Baseball stat
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16. Onassis and others
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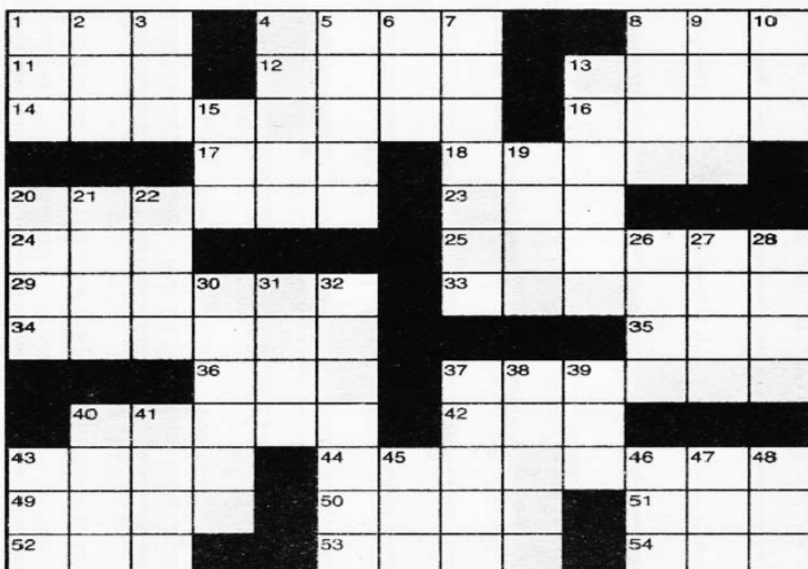
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34. Wound
35. Lacking rosy cheeks
36. Links gadget
37. Popular casual wear (hyph.)
40. Quiz choice
42. "\_\_\_ Lazy River" (2 wds.)
43. Limping
44. Stars'

- entourages
49. Spring bloom
50. Kitchen follower
51. Knock sharply
52. "Oz" aunt and others
53. Vice squad tactic
54. Gun lobby (abbr.)

## DOWN

1. Opposite of masc.
2. "We \_\_\_ the World"
3. Soap shape

4. Tequila source
5. Total happiness
6. Bridge action
7. Soaks up
8. Andes country
9. Throne recipient
10. Name bracelets, for short
13. Element
15. Hospital diagnostic tool (abbr.)
19. Grocery transport
20. Motorcyclist
21. "Ticket to \_\_\_"
22. "JAG" spin-off
26. Fuzzy fruit
27. Remote
28. Exited
30. Names
31. Garden implements
32. Lip curler
37. \_\_\_-frutti
38. Watched secretly
39. Leia's "Star Wars" hero
40. Country place
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45. Greek letter
46. Coffee maker
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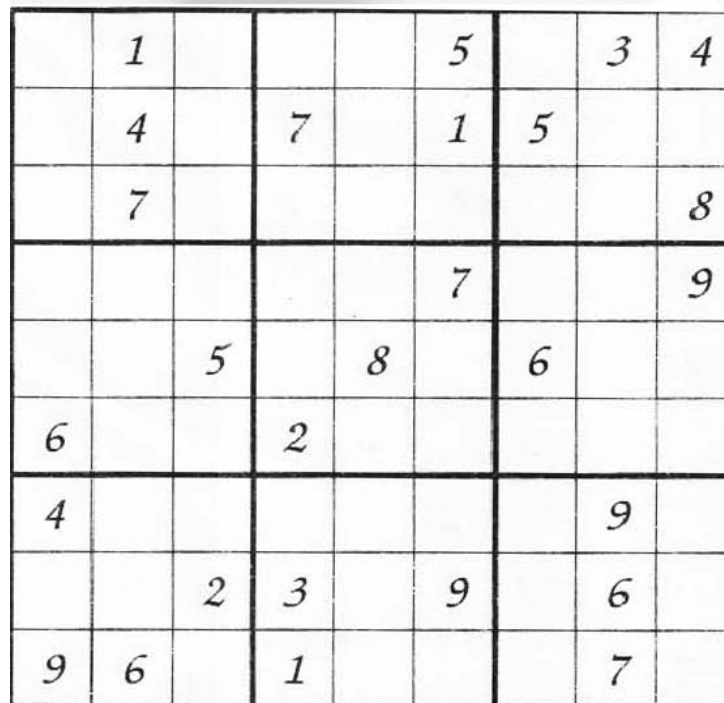
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5	5	2	1	9	7	8	4
6	1	6	2	8	7	9	5
7	2	5	1	6	4	8	9
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.  
In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9



## Finance

# IMF: Eurozone in danger, ECB should ride to the rescue

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The eurozone is in "critical" danger but can restore credibility with speedy moves towards a banking union, some form of pooled debt and if the European Central Bank pumps in more cash, the IMF said yesterday.

The European Central Bank should use more of its special measures to buy government debt and fund banks, the IMF said, all steps that EU paymaster Germany sees as major initiatives only possible in return for a much tighter political and fiscal union.

In a hard-hitting review of policies for the euro area, the IMF warned: "The euro area crisis has reached a new and critical stage."

"Despite major policy actions, financial markets in parts of the region remain under acute stress, raising questions about the viability of the monetary union itself."

A worsening of the crisis would have a big impact on

neighbouring European countries "and the rest of the world."

It warned: "A determined move toward a more complete union is needed now."

On growth, the International Monetary Fund said the "stark" truth was that eurozone countries had lagged the best performers for 50 years.

The euro is slightly overvalued by zero to 5.0 percent, the IMF estimated, but some countries in crisis needed a much bigger adjustment, of 5.0-10 percent for Italy and 10-15 percent for Spain.

Determined programs for structural reforms to raise competitiveness were vital, the IMF said, warning also of a risk of deflation and suggesting that strong countries in northern Europe could allow wages and inflation to rise.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel yesterday defended Germany's attitude towards getting out of the crisis, adding that though she was optimistic,

she could not be certain that the "European project" would work. She stressed that Germans largely shared the "fundamental principles," namely "no solidarity without corresponding effort and no guarantees without control."

The view of the IMF is particularly significant because the fund is committed with the EU to direct bailouts for Greece, Ireland and Portugal, in defining the conditions and auditing the progress of rescue programs.

The IMF stressed that the key to growth was further action to put over-strained public finances on a sound basis, coupled with longer-term reforms to increase efficiency.

"The first priority is a banking union for the euro area," the IMF said, which could combine a pan-European scheme to guarantee bank deposits and common bank supervision.

The IMF said "welcome" progress was made in this direction at an EU summit in late June but that reform efforts must be urgently sped up.

Moreover, any banking union had to be backed by fiscal integration and "more risk sharing" to prevent a shock in one country from imperilling the entire eurozone, the IMF said.

The "introduction of a limited form of common debt" could be a half-way step towards "fiscal integration and risk sharing," it said in reference to some form of common bonds for the eurozone.



**MT. DIWATA :** Miners push a trolley as they enter a tunnel at a mining site in the village of Mt. Diwata, Monkayo town, Compostela valley, in the southern island of Mindanao. Philippine President Benigno Aquino has signed a long-delayed executive order revamping the mining industry, the presidential palace said. The Philippines is believed to have some of the biggest mineral reserves in the world -- the government estimates the country has at least 840 billion USD in gold, copper, nickel, chromite, manganese, silver and iron. (AFP PHOTO)



**SAN MATEO, CA :** Construction workers add siding to new homes at the Arbor Rose housing development in San Mateo, California. The Commerce Department reported that housing starts surged 6.9% in June, the highest increase since October 2008. (AFP PHOTO)



**KARRATHA :** A handout photo obtained on July 18, 2012 shows Woodside Energy Ltd's LNG (liquefied natural gas) tanker at the Karratha gas plant loading terminal in the north of Western Australia. Australia is set to enjoy explosive growth in its gas exports, with experts predicting it will overtake Qatar as the leading Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) producer within the decade. The economy which once rode on the "sheep's back" -- in the days when the major commodity was wool -- has already embraced the mineral wealth which has stoked its coffers richly thanks to strong Asian demand for coal and iron ore. The newest potential money-spinner is LNG, trade in which has expanded rapidly recently to set Australia on track to become the world's second largest exporter of the fuel, behind Qatar, by 2015, according to government forecasts. (AFP PHOTO)

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## Capital One to pay \$210 million in credit card probe

WASHINGTON - Capital One Financial will pay \$210 million to resolve charges from U.S. consumer and banking regulators that its vendors misled consumers into paying for extra credit card products.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), in its first public enforcement action, said it is requiring the bank to pay a \$25 million penalty. Capital One will also pay the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency an additional \$35 million penalty, and reimburse affected customers \$150 million.

"We are putting companies on notice that these deceptive practices are against the law

and will not be tolerated," said CFPB Director Richard Cordray.

The CFPB said its actions were based on an examination of Capital One Bank, which identified deceptive marketing tactics used by the bank's call center vendors to pressure or mislead consumers into paying for "add-on products" such as payment protection and credit monitoring when they activated their credit cards.

A Capital One official apologized to customers who were affected and said it is committed to "making it right."

"We are accountable for the actions that vendors take on our behalf," said Ryan Schneider, president of Capital One's card business. "These marketing calls were inconsistent with the explicit instructions we provided to agents for how these products should be sold."

The enforcement action comes just months after the U.S. Federal Reserve approved the bank's hotly debated acquisition of ING Groep NV's U.S. online banking unit. The approval came in February after a series of hearings, where civic groups accused the bank of improper lending practices.

## YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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## Justin Bieber determined to 'stay humble'



SYDNEY (AFP) - Teen heart-throb singer Justin Bieber admits it is not easy staying grounded amid huge wealth and adoration from screaming fans, but says he is determined to remain humble.

The 18-year-old Canadian, in Australia on a tightly-con-

trolled promotional tour where he has been mobbed by fans, shot to fame in 2009 after posting several home-made music videos on YouTube and has now sold 15 million albums.

Asked what had been the best piece of advice he had received, Bieber, who has more than 25 million followers on Twitter, said in an interview with Australia's Seven Network late Tuesday that it was to stay true to who he was.

"I'd probably say, you know, just to stay humble and keep your family close, keep the people that were there at the beginning there, because

those are the people who cared and care enough to stay with you," Bieber said.

"The relationship with my family, always I make sure to keep that first. Last time I was here (in Australia) my grandparents were here with me."

The singer said he would always heed advice from his family.

"You need to pull up your pants Justin, that's what my grandparents say all the time," he said.

"Like my mum, it's always something. They are always super proud of me no matter what... That's what keeps me humble and I do this for them."

## Katy Perry accused of 'indecent' over Indian show



(AFP) - An Indian court will hear accusations of indecency against US pop star Katy Perry and Bollywood legend Amitabh Bachchan over their dancing at a cricket event, media reported.

Madras High Court, in southern India, ordered a hearing on the accusations on July 31, although the pair will not

be required to attend because they have not been formally charged.

The court was acting on a "public interest" complaint filed by a lawyer which alleged the opening show of the Indian Premier League (IPL) in April was "obscene and lascivious, appealing to prurient interest".

Top Bollywood actress Priyanka Chopra and IPL chairman Rajeev Shukla were also cited in the complaint, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

Perry was among a host of celebrities who performed on stage in Chennai for the opening ceremony, held a day before the start of the fifth edition of the Twenty20 tournament.

The complainant, K. Je-bakumar, also claimed that the show had distracted students who were writing exams at the time and pursued legal action under the Indian Penal Code.

The court will rule whether the complaint is justified, and if so, whether formal charges can be laid against the accused.

**Singer Madonna is courting controversy again ahead of an August 1 gig in Warsaw, having already been threatened with legal action in France for projecting a swastika on an image of far-right party leader Marine Le Pen. A group of young Catholics has launched an on-line petition to have the concert cancelled as it coincides with the Polish capital's annual World War II commemoration of the 1944 Warsaw Uprising against the city's Nazi's occupiers. As of Tuesday, the petition had gathered 31,000 supporters for the "Material Girl's" concert to be called off out of respect for the estimated 200,000 people who died in the doomed 63-day uprising by Polish partisans. The petition also slams the 53-year-old Queen of Pop's on-stage antics as "attacking the Catholic faith... offending Jesus Christ by burning crosses and wearing a crown of thorns" as well as promoting homosexuality and pornography. A spokesperson for tour promoter LiveNation, Anna Pietrzak, declined comment on the protest sales when contacted by AFP on Tuesday.**



## Taj Mahal

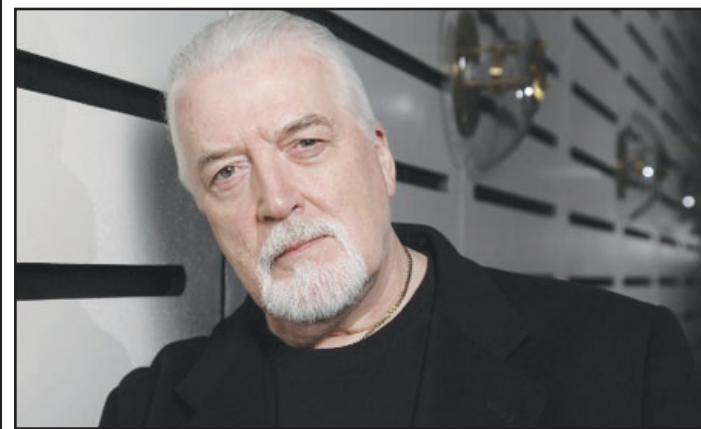
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## Tributes paid to 'incredible' Deep Purple rocker Lord



LONDON (AFP) - A host of stars paid tribute Tuesday to musician Jon Lord, the co-founder of legendary British rock band Deep Purple who has died aged 71. The former keyboardist and co-author of the band's most famous hit, "Smoke on the Water," was surrounded by family when he passed away at a London clinic on Monday, after battling with pancreatic cancer since last August. Lord, who also played for the band Whitesnake, co-founded Deep Purple in 1968 and wrote many of their best-known songs, before retiring from the group in 2002. Members of the heavy rock band were among a string of musicians who took to the microblogging site Twitter to pay their respects following news of Lord's death. A comment posted by the band said: "God bless you Mr Jon Lord. Hasta siempre (long live) maestro Jon Lord." As a child Lord, who was born in Leicester, central England, learned piano at home, taking classical music lessons before turning to jazz and rock'n'roll. After moving to London aged 19 to go to drama school he started playing piano in pubs and in 1964 joined cult blues band The Artwoods before touring with psychedelic pop group The Flowerpot Men. He went on to join Deep Purple in 1968 and the group sold more than 100 million albums worldwide during its intermittent existence, including an eight-year hiatus between 1976 and 1984. In 1976 Lord joined bandmate Ian Paice in Paice Ashton Lord and also played with Whitesnake and a re-formed Deep Purple.

## S.Africa's poor education would make Mandela cry: Tutu

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - South African Nobel peace laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu on Wednesday said if Nelson Mandela knew how poorly the country's schools are performing, he would be reduced to tears.

"If he knew what was happening he would be crying... it's totally unacceptable," Tutu told a leadership summit in the central Free State province, held as Mandela turned 94 on Wednesday.

Tutu decried the failure by education officials to deliver textbooks to some rural schools, noting that some children were still learning under trees because of a lack of classrooms, 18 years after Mandela became South Africa's first black president.

Education officials were embroiled in a scandal over the lack of textbooks in the northern Limpopo province, which has seen the department hauled to court by activists.

This week a report by a special government task team revealed that 22 percent of schools in the province were still without books, seven months into the academic year.

Education is South Africa's single biggest budget item, but schools are hobbled by poor management and low standards.

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## Halle Berry suffers minor head injury in fight scene

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Oscar-winning actress Halle Berry was taken to hospital after suffering a minor head injury while shooting a fight scene in her latest film, her spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Berry hit her head on concrete after a "nasty" fall Tuesday and then began to vomit -- a sign of concussion -- triggering alarm from aides who advised her to go to hospital, the celebrity news website TMZ reported.

"Halle Berry suffered a minor head injury while shooting a fight sequence on the set of her film, 'The Hive'," the star's spokeswoman said. "She was taken to the hospital as a precaution, but she checked out healthy and was released."

"She'll continue production as planned," the spokeswoman, Meredith O'Sullivan, told AFP. TMZ reported that the incident occurred late Tuesday, and that Berry was taken to Los Angeles' Cedars Sinai hospital.

Known for the "X-Men" movies and her role as Jinx in the James Bond flick "Die Another Day" (2002) with Pierce Brosnan, Berry won her Oscar for best actress in 2002 for her role in "Monster's Ball."

The 45-year-old actress is engaged to French actor Olivier Martinez, who confirmed their wedding plans in March. Berry has been married twice before and has a young daughter with Canadian model Gabriel Aubrey.

## Bob Dylan to release 35th studio album



US folk rock legend Bob Dylan is releasing the 35th studio album in his 50-year recording career on September 11, Columbia Records announced yesterday.

In a statement, the label said "Tempest" -- produced by "Jack Frost," an alias that Dylan has used in the past -- will feature 10 "new and original Bob Dylan songs."

Its release coincides with the 50th anniversary of Dylan's eponymous debut album, also on Columbia Records, which featured a number of American folk standards as well as two original compositions.

Dylan, 71, has released four studio albums since 1997, most recently "Together Through Life" in 2009. He is currently on tour in France. Earlier this year, the singer received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, at the White House.



## A new diversion in at Paseo Herencia Mall: "Enchanted Aruba"



Acrobatic dance performed to famous concert violinist



Beautiful costumes



Dinner theater has returned to Aruba with the opening of "Enchanted Aruba" located on the second level of the Paseo Herencia Mall in Palm Beach. The fantastic facility in the mall's mezzanine next to the cinemas was specifically constructed to be such a venue, and the new variety show "Enchanted Aruba" makes the most of the superb sound system and high ceilings for over an hour of singers, dancers, tumblers and some impressive aerial performances.

Producers Jorge di Paolo and John Stuart are proud of their new production and look forward to welcoming any seeking an appealing show and an entertaining way to kill an

evening. Jorge, known in Las Vegas as "Mr. Entertainment," is no stranger to Aruba. He lived here as an entertainer and producer in the 80's starring in "Breakdance Fever" and performing a Gaucho act. During the premiere of the new show, he demonstrated some of that same elegant style by taking to the stage for a show-stopping tango with his daughter. John Stuart is the creator of the longest running Las Vegas show at the Imperial Palace, "Legends in Concert," still welcoming appreciative audiences after 30 years.

"Enchanted Aruba" is a mélange of entertaining acts and dramatically staged and costumed dance numbers blended with a breathtaking parade of acrobatic expertise by the famed Ritmo Cubano troupe. Paula Ridderstap, a Portuguese recording artist relocated to Aruba, provides appealing vocals, and Angela Flores, first violinist of the Maracaibo Philharmonic Orchestra, demonstrates her virtuosity accompanied by a lovely, romantic duet dance and acrobatics.



Producer John Stuart and Valerie Pietersz Camacho

The program features renowned contortionist Hayley Kent, a Cirque du Soleil alumnus, directly from Las Vegas and Los Latin Cowboys Live, returning to the stage, stronger than ever, mixing great humor, audience participation and compelling rhythms.

"Enchanted Aruba" features a dinner show for \$59.95, with children under 12, \$44.95. For the show only is \$44.95, children's price: \$29.95; VIP Seating with souvenir poster & picture: \$69.95. For reservations call: 592-4466 or visit their website: <http://enchantedaruba.com/> Visit their Facebook page to keep up on the latest enchanted news.



Paseo Owners Alex Lovera and Dan Oduber





## Summer Olympics: July 27 - August 12



### Manaudou seeking pleasure not medals at Games

DUNKIRK (AFP) - France's 2004 Olympic 400m freestyle champion Laure Manaudou said she was not obsessed with winning a medal at the London Games and instead was seeking to just enjoy her third Olympics.

The 25-year-old - who retired in 2009 after failing to win a medal at the 2008 Olympic Games - said she was in a totally different frame of mind compared to her previous two Olympics.

"I am in a different mindset," said Manaudou, who is also a three-time world champion and nine-time European champion.

Manaudou, who created a real splash when she broke American great Janet Evans's 18-year-old world record in the 400m freestyle at the 2006 European championships, said she wasn't risking damaging her reputation by going to the Olympics.

"My target was to be at an Olympics for the third time with people I like."

Manaudou will be competing in London alongside her younger brother Florent, who qualified for the 50m freestyle - ironically at the expense of her boyfriend Frederick Bousquet - and who has been sharing the same lane as her in training in Dunkirk.

"It is an adventure that I am experiencing with him (Florent), it is a delight to share this with Florent. We are mutually benefiting from this," she said.

However, she said she experienced at times pangs of regret that Bousquet wouldn't be there.

### Athletics: Rudisha looks to turn dad's silver into gold

NAIROBI (AFP) - Kenya's world 800m record holder David Rudisha will bid to go one better than his father 44 years ago and win the Olympic gold medal.

The 23-year-old - whose father Daniel won silver in the 4x400m relay at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City - would also become the first runner from the Masai tribe to win an Olympic gold medal.



"Becoming the world record holder and winning the world title. All these I have achieved, now it's the Olympic title which I am aiming for. It is the dream of every athlete to win the Olympics," Rudisha said.

To keep himself in perfect shape, the long-striding track star has only raced in four races this season, in a well-tailored programme set by his management to suit his Olympic preparations.

As part of those preparations, Rudisha travelled to Australia in early March, and ran a slowish time of 1:44.33 in the Melbourne Classic meet.

But he stepped up a few gears following that, blasting to three world-leading times of the year in Doha, New York and Paris to prove his sharpness ahead of the Olympics.

"He's certainly somebody that Kenya and everybody around the world will be keeping their eyes on. But he will also be under pressure because the Olympics are always very special," said his coach Colm

O'Connell.

Standing between the Kenyan and his Olympic destiny, however is a talented 18-year-old Ethiopian newcomer, Mohammed Aman.

The reigning world indoor 800m champion, Aman became the first athlete to beat Rudisha, handing the Kenyan his first defeat in two years at the end of last season in Milan, Italy.

For Rudisha there is also the intriguing prospect of meeting the Jamaican sprint great Usain Bolt -- a man he has drawn a lot of comparisons with in the past -- in the 4x400m relay.

But whether he will run the relay and face Bolt depends on the Kenyan relay team reaching the Olympic final, and the national federation picking Rudisha to run the final leg in London.

Rudisha will not compete in the semi-finals, where Kenya is one of the 16 qualified teams, as the relay semis will be clashing with the 800m, but he is already relishing racing Bolt, who broke the men's 100m and 200m world records in Beijing four years ago.



Sebastian Coe (now chairman of the London 2012 organising committee) celebrating after winning the men's 1500m at the 1980 Olympics in Moscow (Soviet Union)

## Mexico 1968



The Mexico Olympics of 1968 saw African-American protests reach a world-wide audience.

One of the greatest sprinters in the world in 1968 was Tommy Smith. By the end of his athletics career, Smith had equaled or broken thirteen world records. Close behind him in the rankings was John Carlos. Both were teammates at San Jose State College. In the build up to the games, all African-American athletes were urged to boycott the games by the Olympic Project for Human Rights (OPHR). A member of OPHR was Harry Edwards who was a friend of both sprinters and had influenced Smith and Carlos even before

the Mexico games. Though a boycott never materialised, both Smith and Carlos agreed on a protest at the medal ceremony for the 200 meters which both were expected to be at.

In the 200 meters final, Smith won the gold medal and Carlos took the bronze medal. Smith's time of 19.8 seconds equaled the world record. As both men climbed the medals podium, it became clear that they were wearing one black glove; Smith on his right hand, Carlos on his left. Smith later stated that his right handed demonstration was meant to represent Black Power in America. The left hand demo of Carlos was meant to represent unity in Black America. The archway that their raised arms created was meant to represent black power and unity in America. The black socks that both wore (and no shoes) represented black poverty in America. Both men also wore beads at the ceremony.

Their gesture was seen as a Black Power salute - and was watched by tens of millions of people world-wide. This resulted in both men being expelled from the Olympic village and suspended by the American Olympic Committee and being ordered to leave Mexico City. Their 'official' crime had been to bring in political issues to an apolitical event.

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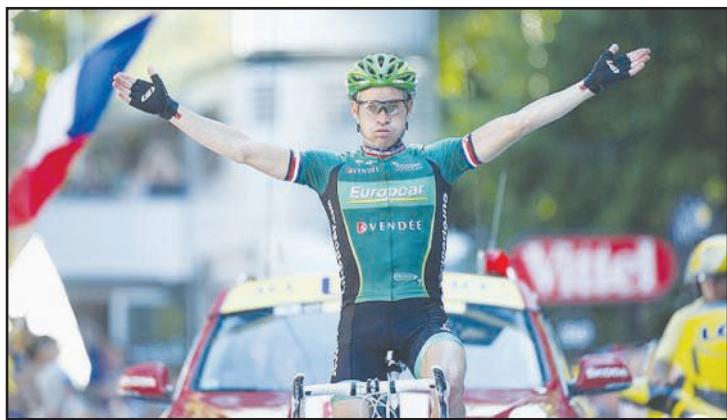
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## Cycling: Wiggins tightens grip, Voeckler wins 16th stage



Frenchman Thomas Voeckler after winning the 16th stage

LUCHON (AFP) - Bradley Wiggins of Britain took another step towards securing his maiden Tour de France crown after a 16th stage won in stylish fashion by Frenchman Thomas Voeckler on Wednesday.

Yellow jersey holder Wiggins and Chris Froome repelled two attacks by Vincenzo Nibali on the fourth and final climb to come over the finish alongside his Italian rival and Sky teammate 7min 09sec behind Voeckler.

Defending champion Cadel Evans of BMC finished at 11:56 behind Voeckler and nearly five minutes behind Wiggins' group after being dropped for good on the Col du Peyresourde.

It later transpired that Evans had suffered stomach problems two hours before the race. Now 8:06 behind Wiggins, his title defence is now

virtually over.

For Wiggins, it is one less rival to look out for on the final climbing stage today which finishes on the summit of Peyragudes.

He warned: "The one thing I keep saying is that no one has it easy out there. We're all in the same boat and we all have to do the same course and today is another day."

But with Nibali still third at 2:23 and with a 3:23 lead on fourth-placed Belgian Jurgen Van den Broeck, it is now effectively a three-man race to Paris.

The Sicilian did not make his move until they had ridden on to the 9.5 km-long hike to

the summit of the Col de Peyresourde.

An acceleration gave the Italian a lead of about 50 metres. But Froome, who so often this race has looked more comfortable than Wiggins on the long climbs, easily countered.

He brought Wiggins on his wheel level with Nibali, who took a breather, had a think and then attacked again just before the summit. This time, it was Wiggins who brought the Sicilian to heel.

Wiggins was quick to share out the plaudits with his Sky teammates.

"The team rode fantastically well again and we've created the ideal scenario by putting even more time into Cadel Evans, and although we weren't able to get rid of Nibali -- who is very strong -- it was a great day," said Wiggins.

Voeckler, meanwhile, grabbed his second stage win of the race and the fourth of his career after leaving break-away companion Brice Feillu of Saur-Sojasun behind with 22 km remaining and 7km from the summit of the Col du Peyresourde.

## Boxing: Khan ponders Roach split



LONDON (AFP) - Amir Khan is considering parting company with celebrated trainer Freddie Roach following his convincing loss to Danny Garcia in Las Vegas last weekend.

The Britain was dropped to the canvas three times by Garcia before being stopped in the fourth round of a world light welterweight unification bout that saw Khan lose his WBA belt to the reigning WBC champion.

Khan insisted he had no-one else to blame for the defeat but himself.

However, he added he may have to review his backroom set-up if he was to revive a once promising career.

"There are a few things we should have not done in training camp that we could have done differently but that's just me and Freddie. We'll sit down together, we'll talk through it but I'm the one in the ring, I'm the one who made the mistakes. Khan told Sky Sports News. Nevertheless, he added: "I'm going to look at options, I've got a meeting with my team next week and we're just going to see. "At the moment I'm happy with Freddie but there are a few things that I want to change and I'm going to speak to my team to see how they feel about things and we'll just take it from there.

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YANKEES	56	34	.622	--
TAMPA	47	44	.516	9.5
BALTIMORE	46	44	.511	10.0
BOSTON	46	45	.505	10.5
TORONTO	45	46	.505	11.5

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
CHICAGO	50	40	.556	--
DETROIT	47	44	.516	3.5
CLEVELAND	46	44	.511	4.0
KANSAS	38	51	.427	11.5
MINNESOTA	38	52	.422	12.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	55	35	.611	--
LA ANGELES	50	41	.549	5.5
OAKLAND	46	44	.511	9.0
SEATTLE	39	53	.424	17.0

### National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
WASHINGTON	52	36	.591	--
ATLANTA	49	40	.551	3.5
NY METS	46	44	.511	7.0
MIAMI	44	46	.489	9.0
PHILADELPHIA	41	51	.446	13.0

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
CINCINNATI	51	39	.567	--
PITTSBURG	50	40	.556	1.0
ST. LOUIS	47	44	.516	4.5
MILWAUKEE	43	47	.478	8.0
CHICAGO	36	53	.404	14.5

West	W	L	Pct	GB
HOUSTON	34	57	.374	17.5
SAN FRANCISCO	50	40	.556	--
LA DODGERS	48	44	.522	3.0
ARIZONA	43	47	.478	7.0
SAN DIEGO	37	55	.402	14.0
COLORADO	35	55	.389	15.0

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## Formula One: Nurburgring circuit to enter administration



BERLIN (AFP) - Germany's iconic Formula One track, the Nurburgring, is 13 million euros (£10.2 million, \$16 million) in debt and is poised to enter administration, the circuit's majority shareholder disclosed Wednesday.

The circuit's owners had been counting on financial aid from the European Union after extensive renovation work but were told by the EU last week that no decision on a bail-out would be made until at least July 30.

That has left them with no option other than instructing the track's management board to start an insolvency process, Kurt Beck, head of the regional government which owns 90 percent of the venue, said.

Since 2009 the Nurbur-

gring has shared the German F1 Grand Prix with Hockenheim, hosts of this Sunday's race.

Meanwhile Nurburgring Automotive, the company that manages the circuit, says it has reached a deal with F1 boss Bernie Ecclestone to continue staging races on alternate years with its sister track at Hockenheim.

The company confirmed in a statement: "Nurburgring Automotive directors Joerg Lindner and Kai Richter have reached agreement with F1 chief Bernie Ecclestone on a project to guarantee the future of F1 at Nurburgring."

The deal would see Ecclestone taking over promotion for the race, covering all the race's costs and pocketing any revenue.

## Football: 2014 World Cup is "under control" - organizers

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - The World Cup which Brazil will host in 2014 is "under control", the head of the country's organizing panel said Wednesday, voicing optimism about progress in lagging infrastructure projects.

"I am very optimistic, everything is under control and I am sure that we will organize a fantastic World Cup," Ricardo Trade, the executive director of the Cup's local organizing committee, said in an interview with AFP.

"We are monitoring the (infrastructure) works 24 hours a day and I can assure you that the stadiums will be ready on time," he added at the committee's headquarters in Rio.

Since Brazil was picked as host of the World Cup in 2006, its relations with the Football's world governing body FIFA have been at times rocky.

The South American giant plans to spend \$13.7 billions to build or modernize stadiums, airports, road and public transport for the mega-event.

But FIFA has for months complained about delays in renovation or construction of stadiums as well as infrastructure projects for the first World Cup in Brazil since 1950.

In addition, costs for temporary installations such as



**Ricardo Trade, Executive Director of the local organization committee for the FIFA WC World Cup Brazil 2014 shows the control room, from where the stadiums will be monitored in real time during the cup during an interview with AFP on July 18, 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.**

space for fans, the media and guests were not factored in, which will drive up overall costs.

According to an official document released in May, 40 percent of the infrastructure projects have not yet begun.

"Currently, we have other priorities. We continue to monitor work on the stadiums, but the issue is no longer whether or not they will be completed as scheduled.

"We are already looking into the operational phase, how transit around the stadiums will be organized, where the officials and the media will be housed," Trade said.

Local press reports said authorities have now decided to

shelve some projects which will not be ready by 2014, including a tramway in Brasilia.

FIFA recently scaled down its expectations and conceded that there was no need for "an entirely new country for the World Cup".

Since May, the Brazilian federal government has stepped in, by appointing representatives on the executive committee, "which further tightens a long-standing relationship," Trade said.

"The government is now closer to us, which is fundamental to finance most the works. This has improved our day-to-day relationship," he added.